



**Summer Term 2010**

## **FRIDAY NEWSLETTER**

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**With this newsletter: Silent Auction flyer**

Dear Parents

It has been a strange week, with Year 6 in France, exams making the school extra quiet and the initial visit from our team of inspectors on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will get little feedback until after their return visit from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June but they did comment on “exemplary behaviour” from the girls. Well done!

In the meantime, many thanks to all the parents who completed the brief questionnaire sent out by the inspectors prior to their visit. 81 out of a potential 148 families returned the questionnaire and, in the interests of ensuring that the results are as representative as possible of the views of the whole parent body, the inspectors have decided to keep the portal open for another two weeks. The questionnaires and responses are only accessible to the Inspection Team and so responses are completely confidential. Can I encourage you, if you have not already done so, to complete the questionnaire, accessible via the link sent last Tuesday by Clarion Call. If you did not receive this, please contact Jules Day in the Office.

It was lovely to welcome Year 6 back from France on Thursday evening – a rather more civilized time than their 5 am start! I have been keeping in touch via their blog and have enjoyed hearing about their exploits each day. It looks like an amazing time has been had by everyone – teachers included!

Next week is Activities week, when Year 5 are off on their week long residential trip to Northampton and the rest of the school have a range of visits and visitors, as well as many absorbing projects to undertake at school. I know there will be some fantastic experiences for the girls and you will already have received details from individual class teachers of the events that affect your daughter. Inevitably there will be a few changes to “normal” events such as swimming, morning games and clubs but we have tried to minimise these and they are detailed below.

I am looking forward to the fete on Saturday and have been looking anxiously at the weather forecasts, most of which are favorable. I do hope to see many of you there as I have been told that the fete will be bigger and more colourful than ever. The Alice in Wonderland theme was chosen completely separately from the Leavers’ play but the coincidence shows how well all our minds work in sync!

**Gill Linthwaite**

### **SUMMER FETE – CAKE STALL**

Don’t worry if you didn’t bring a cake to school today, please bring home-baked offerings straight to the cake stall at the fete when you arrive tomorrow. No nuts please. Thanks so much.  
Form 5 Reps.

### **SUMMER FETE – FANCY DRESS**

A reminder that the girls may wear fancy dress to the fete on Saturday if they wish to. It could be linked with the Alice in Wonderland theme or could be their own favourite dressing up outfit. There will be prizes and judging will be around 1.30pm.

### **HALF TERM CRICKET COURSE**

Over the half term, there is a cricket course taking place from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of June at Orleans Park School in St. Margaret's. It is open to both boys and girls aged 8-14 years old. Please contact Jules Day in the office if you are interested in getting further information.

### **SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK**

This is awarded to Bella H in 5L for outstanding long throws on the Rounders Field. Well done.

### **NEXT WEEK MATCHES**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May Yr 6 A & B will be playing rounders against St. Catherine's at The ODP at 4.00pm.

### **YEAR 1 CAKE SALE**

A big thank you to all of you who both made cakes, and bought them, at the Year 1 cake sale last week. A whopping £75 was raised for the school's charity which is The Nelson Mandela Fund.

### **NEXT WEEKS SWIMMING ARRANGEMENTS**

Please take note of the following:

Yr 6 will be swimming as normal on Tuesday.

Yr 2 will not be swimming as they have a school outing. Please bring girls to school at normal time.

Yr 3 will swim as normal on Wednesday.

Yr 4 will be swimming on **Wednesday** as Miss Parker needs to make final decisions for swimming gala. Please be at the pool for 8.40am. **You will not be swimming on Thursday this week.**

Yr 5 will not be swimming on Friday

### **EARLY MORNING GAMES**

Due to activity week, and play rehearsals taking place next week, there will be no early morning games for Yrs 4, 5 and 6.

### **CLUBS**

All clubs will continue as normal next week with the exception of Knitting Club on a Wednesday with Mrs Wilkinson, who will be away with Yr 5 at the Frontier Centre, and Monday night Rounders club for Yr 5 & 6.

As you may be aware, three governors will have completed ten years' service at the end of the Summer term and will thus retire from the School's Governing Body. They are John Shuffrey, Luana Luchterhand and Sue Barry. They have all contributed an enormous amount to the well being of the School over these years and have been at the forefront in the introduction of new policies and Governance to cover the tide of legislation which has been introduced by Government, the ISI and the Charities Commission over the last two years. I am very grateful to them all for their good sense, patience and humour and, on behalf of the School, I thank them all.

Lucinda Edge and Richard Lewis have kindly agreed to fill these vacancies as from September and I very much look forward to working with them in the future.

The School, as you know, has now completed the first phase of the inspection and I along with Mrs Linthwaite, will be able to update you all with any findings once the observation phase has been completed at the end of June.

**Paul Hearson**  
**Chairman of the Governors**